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For : CATALYST CARRIER AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

7. (Amended-Clean Text) A catalyst carrier according to claim 1, wherein the alumina thin film is an amount of 0.1-15 wt% per the carrier as an alumina amount.